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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$120.00 to cover: Petition for Extension of Time - 1 month;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) - 1 month;
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4. Exhibit A - (Steadman's Medical Dictionary, at page 1425, Marjory Sraycar ed., William and Wilkens 1995).

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